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SUBJECT: TRANS-SIBERIAN CONTAINER SERVICE

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1. FESCO/AEROFLOT SEA-AIR/CONTAINER SERVICE BETWEEN JAPAN AND EUROPE (REFTEL A) WAS INAUGURATED ON MAY 25 WHEN FIRST TWO 20-FOOT CONTAINERS TO BE SHIPPED VIA NEW SERVICE LEFT YOKOHAMA ABOARD FESCO'S CONTAINERSHIP PIONER VLADIVOSTOKA.

2. IN FURTHER DEVELOPMENT CONCERNING TRANS-SIBERIAN LANDBRIDGE, SHIPPING AND TRADE NEWS ON MAY 28 QUOTED IGOR MALGIN (GENERRAL REPRESENTATIVE IN TOKYO FOR SOJUZVNESHTRANS -- SOVIET EXTERNAL TRANSPORTATION COMPANY) AS SAYING HE HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO TOKYO CHIEFLY TO EFFECT A QTE QUALITATIVE IMPROVEMENT UNQOTE IN USE OF TRANS-SIBERIAN SERVICE BETWEEN JAPAN AND EUROPE AND TO INCREASE CARGO BOOKINGS IN JAPAN. TO THAT END MALGIN SAID HE WOULD MEET WITH BOOKING AGENTS AND SHIPPERS TO ADVISE THEM ON UTILIZATION OF SYSTEM. HE ALSO SAID SOJUZVENESHTRANS IS STUDYING POSSIBILITY OF STATIONING, AT STAREGIC POINTS ALONG TRANS-SIBERIAN ROUTE, OFFICIALS WHO WOULD KEEP CLOSE TRACK OF FREIGHT IN TRANSIT SO THAT SHIPPERS COULD BEE READILY INFORMED OF LOCATION OF THEIR

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CARGOES. OTHER PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS IN SYSTEM INCLUDE USE OF QTE

BLOC TRAINS UNQTE ON TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY AND FURTHER EXPANSION
OF CONTAINER HANDLING FACILITIES AT SOVIET PORTS. MALGIN ADDED
THAT WHILE SOJUZVENESHTRANS' SERVICE NETWORK IN SOUTHEAST ASIA NOW
COVERS ONLY JAPAN AND HONG KONG, IT PLANS TO EXPAND SERVICE TO
VARIOUS OTHER COUNTRIES IN THIS AREA.

3. AT PRESENT, SOJUZVENESHTRANS HAS ONLY TWO OFFICIALS IN TOKYO;
TWO OTHER REPORTEDLY ARE EXPECTED TO JOIN THE STAFF IN JUNE.
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